

NC F*R*I*E*N*D*S TALK

Hello Friends,

Don't know about you, but seems like it is that time of year when I find myself going and going. So many nonprofits and so little time—although most of my time is devoted to the Friends of the New Bern-Craven County Public Library and the FONCPL.

Not so with many others. It seems to me that most groups to which I belong are having the same issues—pleas for help and invitations to be on Boards are being ignored or refused. This was not so much the case before COVID, but now it has gotten much worse—in my opinion. I ran into an old friend at the grocery store the other day. He remarked that he and his wife used to be so busy before COVID, but during COVID they were basically confined to their home for so long that it has taken them a while to come out of hibernation. And they are not yet up to the before-COVID level of activity. Could this be part of the problem? We got into a new habit of inactivity—and we know how hard it is to break a habit. What can we (Friends of the Library, FONCPL) do about this? What's your opinion?

I know I covered this in my September column, but wanted to remind you again that the FONCPL Annual meeting and elections will take place via Zoom on November 11, 2022 at 10 AM (Friday—Veterans Day). <u>Click here</u> for the Zoom link to attend the meeting. FONCPL Director Meg Forward is the chair of the nominating committee. If you have a recommendation for President, Vice President and/or Secretary or would like to be considered yourself, please <u>email Meg</u>. We have two open Director positions, one Director who will be retiring after 11 years on this board, and two other Directors up for re-appointment. Directors are appointed by the current Board. If you would like to serve, please <u>email me</u> or one of the other officers.

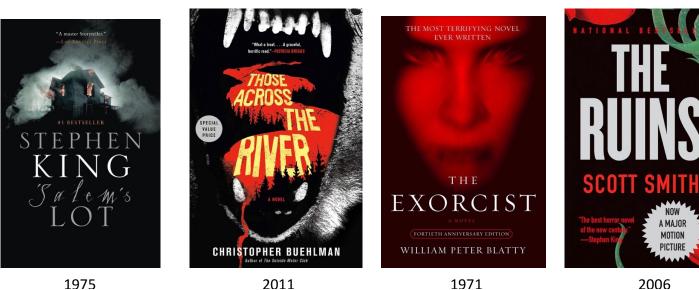
Our Fall workshop YouTube videos will be posted to our website later in October. We'll send out a notice when they are available to view. You still have time to submit a topic. <u>Email</u> me soon.

We were disappointed that we did not have more FONCPL members apply for the Challenge Grants. There was only one applicant: the Friends of the Library Southport Oak Island. They applied for funding to place commemorative reading benches at the Barbee Library (Oak Island). We are happy to award a \$250 Challenge Grant to the FOLSOI!

Thanks for all you do for your respective libraries! Yours in Friendship, Judy Hills, FONCPL President

2022

According to Readers Digest, the Top 4 Most Scary Books for Adults are:



1971

2006

Fun Library Displays for October!







1975







OCTOBER DAYS

7– World Smile Day - do an act of kindness and make one person smile. Give a smile to everyone you come across. Use a smiley face emoji on every text you send.



9 – Clergy Appreciation Day –

Pray for your clergy, Write a note – Thank your minister for being an excellent leader, for his or her compassion, or even something specific.

14 – National Dessert Day – HOW FUN! eat any dessert you want!

23 – National Mother-in-Law Day – celebrate her – take out for a meal, ask her to teach you something that only she knows how to do, and compliment her!

31 – National Knock-Knock Jokes Day

Knock, knock. / Who's there? / Owls say. / Owls say who? / Yes, they do.

Knock, knock. / Who's there? / Oink oink. / Oink oink who? / Are you a pig or an owl?

Knock, knock. / Who's there? / Hawaii. / Hawaii who? / I'm fine, Hawaii you?

Knock, knock. / Who's there? / Cabbage. / Cabbage who? / You expect a cabbage to have a last name?



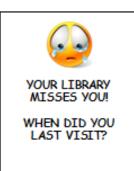


Tactical Urbanism by Judy Hills

Also commonly referred to as guerilla urbanism, pop-up urbanism, and D.I.Y urbanism, it is when citizens take matters into their own hands to create a low-cost temporary change to improve things or to pressure government agencies into installing a more permanent or expensive version of the improvement. For example, there is a large intersection near my home. One of the roads intersecting with a larger road only has two lanes at the intersection. The vast majority of the cars turn right at this intersection, so any car wanting to go straight that is in the right lane will block the ability of cars behind wishing to turn right on red. My husband has grumbled about this for years. A sign appeared at this intersection recently: "For your information, if you are going straight thru this intersection, please stay in the left lane." I thought it was an unobtrusive reminder, but it was only up about a week before someone tore the sign off the stake. Guess not everyone agreed or thought someone was telling them what to do!

OK, you might ask what this has to do with Friends of the Library. Think about how this might apply to Friends and the libraries they serve. If your library is underutilized and can't afford the cost of a marketing campaign, how might your Friends use guerilla urbanism to help? What if your Friends purchased signs (like political signs) that pushed the message to use the library? Examples:







Your Friends could periodically place these at key intersections and then move them around the community to keep the message from getting stale. It is a good way to get out the message of a new service. Remember, libraries count patron visits and use this information to justify their funding. Anything you can do to increase the number of visits would help.

So, thinking outside the box, how might you use gorilla urbanism to help your Friends or your library? We'd love to hear what you did. Send your ideas to FONCPL newsletter editor <u>Kathy Lambe</u>.





Let's do something a little different in this newsletter on Fundraising...

Instead of raising money, why not "raise" things?

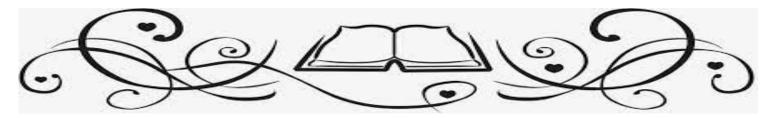
Adapted from article on donorbox blog

Start by making a list of the needs or wants of your Library.

Now get your wish list out there - Send out emails to members, post on social media, and if possible, even have your local newspaper write an article on your Wish List (couple it with some pics). Raise the curiosity of people around the wish list and then, tell them how they can make this possible through donations.

This allows your members and your community to feel a part of the Library – people love to feel a part of their library in some way....so letting your members and donors know about this list might bring your vision to life! Also, this is great marketing & awareness for the library.

On your wish list, perhaps you'd like more antique children's books so that kids can read the same books their grandparents did. Maybe your computers are good enough, but you'd like to provide your library members with computers that are of much higher quality. Perhaps you're looking for more vibrant artwork to spruce up your library floors! No need or want is ever too much when it comes to fundraising for a greater good – be confident, and make the ask.



Friends of the Library Week is celebrated in the 3rd week of October. How will you celebrate? Why not throw a party & share the membership opportunities, your goals, your projects, and more! Put out a donation basket! Celebrate your contributions to your library!



The Booker Prize shortlist of six works of fiction is announced

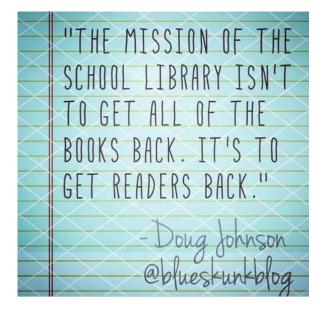
Two novels by *American authors among six shortlisted for the prestigious Booker Prize for fiction; winner to be announced Oct. 17

The shortlist of novels for this year's Booker Prize has been announced. A panel of judges winnowed down the longlist of 13 books to the following six titles:

Glory by NoViolet Bulawayo *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan *The Trees* by Percival Everett * The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida by Shehan Karunatilaka *Oh William!* by Elizabeth Strout * *Treacle Walker* by Alan Garner

The long and shortlists were selected from 169 novels published between Oct. 1, 2021, and Sept. 30, 2022, and submitted by publishers. The Booker Prize is open to works by writers of any nationality, written in English and published in the U.K. or Ireland.

All of the shortlisted authors receive £2,500 (nearly \$2,900) and a specially bound edition of their book. The winner — to be announced Oct. 17 — receives £50,000 (nearly \$58k).



New Bern-Craven County Friends "Holiday in a Jar"

For the first time we held a drop-in Holiday in a Jar craft workshop on Saturday September 24th 10 AM to 2 PM. We had assembled all manner of jars, items to fill the jar, items to decorate the jars, and all the tools needed for the project. Many items were donated and some purchased from thrift stores. The themes could be fall, Halloween, Thanksgiving, winter, or Christmas. As there were a lot of other nonprofit activities on that same day in our community, the attendance was a little slower than we had envisioned. Here are a few photos from the event to hopefully inspire you.



National Book Foundation

2022 Longlist for the National Book Award for Fiction:

Fatimah Asghar, <u>When We Were Sisters</u> One World / Penguin Random House

> Ramona Emerson, <u>Shutter</u> Soho Crime / Soho Press

Jonathan Escoffery, <u>*If I Survive You*</u> MCD / Farrar, Straus and Giroux / Macmillan Publishers

> Tess Gunty, <u>*The Rabbit Hutch*</u> Alfred A. Knopf / Penguin Random House

> > Gayl Jones, <u>*The Birdcatcher*</u> Beacon Press

Jamil Jan Kochai, <u>The Haunting of Hajji Hotak and Other Stories</u> Viking Books / Penguin Random House

Sarah Thankam Mathews, <u>All This Could Be Different</u> Viking Books / Penguin Random House

> Leigh Newman, <u>Nobody Gets Out Alive</u> Scribner / Simon & Schuster

Marytza K. Rubio, <u>Maria, Maria & Other Stories</u> Liveright / W. W. Norton & Company

Alejandro Varela, <u>*The Town of Babylon*</u> Astra House / Astra Publishing House

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Zoom Open Mic Night Monday October 10, 2022 7:00 PM

Topic: Budgeting

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82374254519?pwd=bTJtNT Y5ZmhsU0ZIT0JHQ0JoOEpjUT09

Call in: (310) 715-8592 Meeting ID: 838 8094 9146 Passcode: 951522

An important update on StoryWalk® 2022

We are thrilled to share that StoryWalk® week 2022 will be **November 7-11**! Our partner the Association of Bookmobile & Outreach Services has prepared this <u>StoryWalk Submission Form</u>.

Who is eligible to participate? Anyone! We welcome all to share their efforts to combine reading, trails, paths, and public space. Whether you call your effort a StoryWalk®, a story trail, a book trail, a poetrywalk, or something else, we want to feature you in this international celebration!

What can I share? The <u>form</u> asks you to upload a photograph documenting your StoryWalk. Ideally, the photograph should be from the past year. It can also include flyers for upcoming events, if your library plans a StoryWalk, but not yet done it.

When can I share? The form will be open through November 3.

Please consider coming on board the Friends of North Carolina Public Libraries...there are several offices & director positions available. It is fun and it does not take a lot of time helping others!

WE NEED YOU!!

Please contact Judy Hills jahnbnc@gmail.com

And let her know that you will gladly participate! Thank you!!!

Send in your news & your pictures from all of your activities at your Library by October 25, 2022.

Be sure to share with us so that we can share with our FONCPL members! klambe@me.com Kathy Lambe